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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Khrushchev Comments Concerning Intelligence

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 7.

2. In the Los Angeles Examiner of Sunday, 11 October 1959, a number of congressmen indicated that the reported charges of Khrushchev about stolen codes should be investigated and there were additional comments that the Central Intelligence Agency should be investigated. Congressmen commenting included:

Gordon L. McDonough (R., Calif.)
 Donald L. Jackson (R., Calif.)
 H. Allen Smith (R., Calif.)
 Edgar W. Hiesland (R., Calif.)
 Clyde Doyle (D., Calif.)

Joe Holt (R., Calif.)
 Glenard P. Lipscomb (R., Calif.)
 James Roosevelt (D., Calif.)
 Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.)

In published newspaper accounts it has been reported that Kenneth Hahn, a Los Angeles County supervisor, would demand a congressional investigation of this matter. In fact Hahn did write to Senator Lyndon Johnson requesting an investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency. Kenneth Be Lieu, Staff Director of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, has forwarded us a copy of this letter requesting any information we could give him. (This was forwarded to your office 21 October.)

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3. A member of Representative Hiestand's office has requested comments on this same matter. Orally the staff man was advised we could offer no further comment than had appeared in the press. He was satisfied with this but requested that we furnish him such advice in writing so he could reply to the constituent. We have received a written request for comment. Hiestand is one of the congressmen in California who believed an investigation of CIA should be made.

4. This matter was previously discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick who suggested we await the preparation of an internal analysis or report on Khrushchev's comments about intelligence while in the United States. It is my understanding that such a report has been prepared but is not yet considered final.

5. I believe we should take positive steps with the Congress on this matter since it is inevitable that further questions will be raised by the Congress in addition to the current ones. As a first step it is recommended that we seek Representative Paul J. Kilday's advice, briefing him as appropriate. In the past, Representative Kilday has readily recognized and accepted responsibility for assisting the Agency. This was particularly evident when Representative Steven V. Carter (D., Iowa) intervened in the matter of an Air Force award of a contract to Air America (CAT). Mr. Kilday's advice and guidance on appropriate steps to be taken would seem to be a first step prior to taking any action with the Congress. Action by Mr. Kilday might possibly include issuing a statement now or when Congress reconvenes to the effect that Kilday and his Subcommittee have been reviewing the activities of CIA in the first session of the 86th Congress and that this review will continue during the second session at which time the Subcommittee will consider such aspects of the Khrushchev charges as they deem appropriate.

6. Action with the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee could be relatively simple by furnishing Kenneth Be Lieu, the Staff Director, with an appropriate briefing and probably no further queries would come from that source. You might also wish to consider discussion of this matter with Senator Richard B. Russell. In any event an impression has been created in the minds of many members of Congress and Mr. Kilday's guidance (and possibly Senator Russell's) should be sought on what further steps seem appropriate.

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7. It is recommended that we brief Representative Kilday on this subject and seek his guidance.

JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

The recommendation in paragraph 7 is approved.

Date

DCI has given Mr. Warner oral approval; Mr. Warner will take necessary action to implement, when appropriate.

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Director

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